

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, July 19, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1202. *A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

Lieberman

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S. 1208. A bill to *combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs)* in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Graham

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S. 1172. Legislative Branch Appropriations Act:

By 88 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 241), **Senate passed S. 1172**, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Durbin/Bennett Amendment No. 1026, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to secure certain property, to fund a technology assessment pilot project.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, *the text of the bill be stricken and the text of the Senate bill be inserted in lieu thereof, provided that if the House inserts matters relating to the Senate in areas under the heading of "House of Representatives" then that text also be stricken, and that the House bill be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.* Further, that **S. 1172** remain at the desk and that once the Senate acts on the House bill, passage of the Senate bill be vitiated and it be returned to the calendar.

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H.R. 2299. Department of Transportation Appropriations Act:

Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and the Senate then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 20, 2001.

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Nominations--Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of Roger L. Gregory, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Sam E. Haddon and Richard F. Cebull, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 20, 2001, with votes to occur thereon beginning at approximately 9:45 a.m.; and that upon disposition of these nomination the Senate consider and confirm Executive Calendar numbers 247 and 249.

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Petitions And Memorials:

POM--128. *A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to the addition of 18 federal judges and commensurate staff to handle the current and anticipated caseloads along the United States-Mexico border, to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: *Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: An original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and an original bill, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.*

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Committee on the Judiciary: *Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: S. 407, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and the nominations of Roger L. Gregory, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Richard F. Cebull and Sam E. Haddon, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, Ralph F. Boyd, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, and Eileen J. O'Connor, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, all of the Department of Justice.*

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Remark:

Women And Gun Violence.
Levin

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2563. A bill to *amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage*; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Ganske

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H.R. 2569. *A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to establish a priority for the payment of claims for duties paid to the United States by licensed customs brokers on behalf of the debtor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Graham

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H.R. 2574. A bill to provide for *increased cooperation on extradition efforts* between the United States and foreign governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Miller

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H. Res. 204. A resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (**H.R. 2216**) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Myrick

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2216, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (House Report 107-148); and

H. Res. 204, waiving points of order against the conference report on **H.R. 2216**, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (House Report 107-149).

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H.R. 7. Community Solutions Act:

The House passed H.R. 7, to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government program delivery to individuals and families in need, and to enhance the ability of low-income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 254.

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"...The Community Solutions Act appropriately expands charitable choice provisions to include nine new program areas, including juvenile delinquency and prevention, crime prevention, housing, job training, senior citizen programs, community development, domestic violence prevention and intervention and hunger relief..." (Pryce, Page H 4223)

H.R. 7. Community Solutions Act (Cont'd.):

*"...Since 1964, faith-based organizations have been entitled to the Title VII exemption to hire staff that share religious beliefs; and courts, including the **Supreme Court**, have upheld this exemption. [] It is particularly important to maintain this exemption for small faith-based entities, because they are the types*

*of community organizations we hope will be encouraged by this bill to seek involvement in delivering social services. These small entities are not going to go out and create new organizations and staff that provide these services. So we do not want to force them to advertise, hire new people and possibly be sued in **Federal court** for a job they would like to be filled by people already on staff, namely, people who share their religious beliefs..." (Sensenbrenner, Page H 4245)*

By a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 253, **rejected the Conyers motion** to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that prohibit religious organizations from discriminating in employment on the basis of an employee's religion, religious belief, or refusal to hold a religious belief and further prohibits any preemption or superseding of State or local civil rights laws.

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By a yeas-and-nays vote of 168 yeas to 261 nays, Roll No. 252, **rejected the Rangel amendment** in the nature of a substitute printed in House Report 107-144 that sought to specify that religious organizations receiving charitable choice program funding cannot discriminate in employment on the basis of religion or preempt state or local civil rights laws, prohibits instruction, worship, or proselytization at the same time and place as the government funded program, deletes indirect assistance and tort liability reform provisions, and offsets the cost of tax benefits by reducing the recent tax cut for the top income rate.

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House agreed to H. Res. 196, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 251. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 250.

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H.R. 2506. Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations, 2002:

The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consideration will resume on Tuesday, July 24.

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Withdrawn:

Souder amendment no. 35 printed in the Congressional Record of July 18 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to make available \$27 million for two Buffalo transport/supply aircraft for the Colombian National Police, \$12 million for six Huey II patrol helicopters for the Colombian Navy, and \$5 million for operating fuel for the Colombian Navy from International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement funding;

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H. Res. 199, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Federal Budget Process Structural Reform.

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Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "The Benefits of Audio-Visual Technology in Addressing Racial Profiling."

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, *as amended*, the following bills: **H.R. 2505**, Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2001; and **H.R. 1007**, *James Guelff Body Armor Act of 2001*.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on **H.R. 2216**, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Florida.

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Joint Committee Meeting:

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of **H.R. 2216**, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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Committee Meetings For Friday, July 20, 2001:

Committee on Energy and Commerce, @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled: *"An Examination of the Entertainment Industry's Efforts to Curb Children's Exposure to Violent Content."* 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on *"Prisoner Release in the District of Columbia--The Role of Halfway Houses and Community Supervision in Prisoner Rehabilitation."* 2154 Rayburn.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 9:15 a.m., July 20, 2001.

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OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich